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Hopeful Journalists To Tryout for College Newspaper Sept. 30

Students Will Receive Press Card After Six Weeks as Cub Reporter

Tryouts for the Connecticut College News will be held on Wednesday, September 30, at 7 p.m., in the News office in the basement of Plant. The staff will be present at this time to explain the various departments of the paper and the opportunities that are open to interested students in all classes.

4 Departments

The CC News is divided into four departments; news, business, circulation, and advertising. The news staff is the group which is responsible for the actual writing, proofreading, headline writing, and make up of the papers. It is the aim of the staff to have all of the reporters trained in these various aspects of journalism. A six week cub reporter has an opportunity to learn all phases of the editorial work on the paper. Students are accepted as cub reporters on the basis of a written news or feature story. For those who successfully meet the requirements of a cub reporter, a Press Card is presented at the end of six weeks and her name is added to the masthead. For girls not interested in writing for the paper but in doing editorial work alone, there are openings on the staff also.

The business staff handles the financial end of the paper; the advertising is responsible for getting ads for the paper, and the circulation staff mails the issues out to subscribers. All of these departments have some openings.

Fills Need

Since there is no course in Journalism at CC, the newspaper, which is published weekly, fills this need. For this reason the staff encourages students interested in newspaper work to tryout as training may be had on all phases of newspaper work.

Anyone who is unable to attend the meeting on Wednesday evening should contact Nancy Garland or Carolyn Chapple in Freeman.

Dance Group Helps To Improve Talent

Connecticut's Modern Dance Group offers all of you enthusiasts a chance to have fun developing and experimenting with whatever dance skill you may have hidden away. The members of the group are chosen at tryouts which are held after the dance workshop classes in the fall.

Each year under the guidance of Miss Ruth Bloomer, the Dance Group presents its own production to the college. This year a dance symposium is being planned with dance groups from many other colleges participating.

Everyone is invited to attend the dance workshop classes.

First Amalgo

On Tuesday, September 29 at 6:45 the first Amalgamation meeting of the year will be held in Palmer Auditorium. Attendance at these monthly meetings is compulsory.

Dramatic Club Offers Chance For Students

Wig and Candle is the dramatic organization on campus which produces two three act plays and backs all other plays during the course of the year. Headed by Connie Demarest '54, this club depends on strong student support and cooperation. Since CC has no dramatic department, Wig and Candle fills this academic need in an extra curricular way.

Points Awarded

There is no tryout system for membership in this club. Students interested and enthusiastic about theater work are wanted. Any student may work her way into membership in Wig and Candle. Points are awarded for work on scenery, props, costume, lighting, make-up, prompting, curtain pulling, publicity, and ushering. Points are also awarded for acting, but due to the academic work and confusion of the first semester in college, it has been decided that no freshman may act in plays until the second semester. First semester is a good time in which to accumulate points in backstage work. A student is a member of Wig and Candle when she has earned 20 points and has worked in at least three different departments of production.

Very shortly Wig and Candle will hold an open meeting for all who are interested in finding out about the club. Watch the bulletin board in Fanning for a notice about this meeting.

Fund Will Benefit From Purchase of New White Blazers

On Friday, October 2, in the men's lounge in Fanning from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. representatives from Wright and Ditson will take orders for the new college blazers. Individual fittings will take place at this time.

Description

The blazers will be made from 100 per cent wool, white tweed fabric. The jacket will be piped in navy blue and the Connecticut College Insignia will be inlaid directly into the upper patch pocket of the jacket. Full lining, inside shoulder straps and an inside breast pocket are other construction features. Also being sold this fall only will be separate patch pockets with an insignia for those upperclassmen who already own an AA blazer.

The price of the blazers is 24.95. The Student Alumnae Building Committee will receive a commission on all blazers sold. The Student Alumnae Building Committee is an organization on campus which is raising money to build a building which will take the place of the "temporary" gymnasium and campus and have excellent facilities for all student activities such as a swimming pool, bowling alleys, lounges, and snack bar. A picture of this proposed building is on the second floor of Fanning opposite the Registrar's office.

Pledge System

One of the accomplishments of this committee has been to initiate an all College pledge system whereby every incoming Freshman and Transfer student will be asked to donate money to the building fund during her four college years. The idea behind this pledge system is that the money be earned by the girl herself and not received from parents.

Conn. Singing Groups Present Tryouts for Harmony Lovers

Two informal singing groups, the Shwiffs and Conn Chords, supply much of the entertainment at dances and other functions both on campus and at nearby colleges. Through the joint effort of these two groups, the New England College Song Fest is held annually in Palmer Auditorium for the benefit of the Student-Alumnae Building Fund.

Shwiffs

The older of these groups, the Shwiffs (a contraction of She Wiffenpoofs), consists of about twelve girls chosen from all four classes during tryouts held at least twice a year. Since its organization in 1914, the chief aim of the Shwiffs is to have fun with four-part harmony on anything from a novelty tune to an old favorite to a popular, new hit. In addition to the fun they have at rehearsals several times a week, the Shwiffs aim at fostering school spirit and the love of

good old-fashioned harmony. The attire they wear when performing is white blazers and oxford gray skirts. Freshmen interested in trying out for this group are requested to contact the leader, Janet Gross '54 in Freeman.

The Conn Chords, an active group since 1947, have a larger membership than the Shwiffs. These girls meet every Thursday evening after dinner for rehearsals. Their repertoire ranges from blues numbers to several humorous songs. The purpose of this group is much the same as the Shwiffs, but each in its own way is different and entertaining. The Conn Chord's singing outfit consists of navy blue suits. The Chords are also planning to hold several tryouts this fall to recruit new members for the group. They are looking forward to meeting Freshmen and Transfers interested in singing. For further details, contact Leslie McCord '56.

All-College Assembly Friday Opens Official Academic Year

Sophs to Seek Junior Mascot In Early Hunt

Beginning Monday, October 5, and continuing until Thursday, October 8, the most exciting event of the year in the eyes of the sophomore and junior class members will take place.

For the benefit of the freshmen and transfers on campus, News would like to explain what actually happens during this hectic four day period.

Secret Committee

As the first step, each class elects an unrevealed committee of six members, one of whom is always the class president. It is the duty of the sophomore committee to hide its class banner secretly. The junior committee, on the other hand, hide both their class banner and their mascot, which is in miniature of their class gift to the college.

A second function of the junior committee is the planting of daily clues which need not be written. These clues, however, pertain only to the hiding place of the mascot. Nothing is said about the banner which the sophomores must discover under their own initiative. The only rule governing the hiding place of both banners is that they must be hidden out-of-doors, but may not be buried. Aside from that, anything goes!

Clues Verified

The clues to the mascot may be real or decoy and can be verified only by Syl Doane, junior class president. In past years there has been a multiplicity of clues, fake and otherwise. Sophomores beware!

The hunt gets under way with the juniors singing the first clue to the sophomores on Monday. After this first clue the sophomores have to find each clue by themselves, although the junior class president may give hints if the search for a particular clue takes too long.

Decoy Committee

Each class also has, besides its Mascot Committee, a Decoy Committee whose job is to try and lead members of the other class astray in guessing the members of the real committee. There are therefore eleven members of each class on two committees plus the president of the junior or sophomore class, who is the only known member. Each class tries to guess the members of these secret committees.

The culmination of the frantic four days is the Junior Banquet which is the last night of the hunt. Here a log of the funniest events of the week, kept by each class is read, and committees are named and revealed. The banquet always provides many laughs and surprises, and everyone has a wonderful time.

New Foreign Students From Four Countries Welcomed to Campus

Two hundred and fifty-seven Freshmen entered Connecticut College Monday to inaugurate the thirty-ninth year of this institution which this year has a capacity enrollment of 850 students.

The upperclassmen are returning today for registration on Thursday morning. The academic year will officially get underway on Friday morning when President Park will preside at the first all college assembly in Palmer Auditorium at 8:30. Classes will begin immediately following this assembly.

1100 Applicants

According to Dr. Robert Cobble, director of admissions, applications for admittance into the Freshman Class and for Transfer students number approximately 1100. The girls in the Class of 1957 represent 39 states and the West Indies.

Connecticut and New York tie for first place honors for having the most girls represented in the Freshman Class; both states have 58 students. Next in line is Massachusetts with 34, followed by Pennsylvania with 27. The geographical distribution of this class is as follows. New England claims a total of 97 students with all states represented except

Campus Movies

Movies scheduled to be shown on campus in the near future are as follows:

Saturday, Sept. 26, Laverder Hill Mob.

Saturday, October 3, Kon Tiki.

These movies will be shown in Palmer Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. There is an admission charge of 25 cents.

Vermont. The Middle Atlantic States of Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey have a representation of 99 students. Four girls come from the Pacific Coast, while thirty are from the Midwestern States. Twenty-six are from the rest of the United States, mainly the South but including Delaware. One Freshman is from the West Indies.

School Preparation

One hundred and seventeen students prepared for Connecticut at public high schools, while 119 students came from independent schools, 21 students received their preparation in both public and independent schools.

Many relatives of Connecticut College Alumnae are members of the Class of 1957. Eleven girls are daughters of CC graduates, and ten have sisters who either are at present attending or who attended Connecticut. Other relatives include eight cousins and three nieces of graduates.

Entering Monday along with the Freshmen and Transfers were four foreign students. These are Christine Delafoy from Paris, Maria Flores Oleo from Mexico, Lili Skibsted from Argentina, and Femke Van Galen from the Netherlands.

Look Around! Ivy Towers Will Come Alive With Activities of CC Life

"Join, Join, Join." This would be an excellent slogan to put on the banner issue of this Freshman Edition of *CC News* which points out to you of the class of 1957 the many facets of extra-curricular life at CC. We, however, are not going to advise you to join anything—You've probably had your fill of advice by now anyway.

What we are going to say to you is to look around this grey and green campus of ours. Look at the upperclassmen who are returning today. Look closely and we're sure you'll find that the buildings which seemed up until now merely architectural structures take on new life. Tuesday night we're sure that the auditorium will be transformed to you from just a building to a place where students freely voice their opinion in regard to Student Government. Later in the year the auditorium will be bustling with students doing everything from painting scenery to appearing before the footlights. Look at the chapel, now standing majestic at the gates. Soon it will be filled with girls while their classmates march down the aisle as members of the choir.

The lights—or midnight oil—which will soon be blazing in the basement of the Quad dorms will be an outward sign of girls trying to write that last headline or discussing the Honor Court cases. The bulletin boards will be filled with attractive signs saying "Meeting tonight at 7."

Yes, soon everywhere you look—including the Reserve Room and the Snack Bar—you'll find activity. Note this well. It means that the girls at CC have discovered the importance of extra-curricular activities. We hope that you in the class of 1957 will also discover this and become part of the activity here.

Welcome and Good Luck, Class of 1957.—NEG.

Program Jammed With Get-Together Plans for '57ers

Under the presidency of Joan Aldrich '54, the Athletic Association starts its activities early this year on Saturday, September 26. Invitations are extended to all four classes to participate in an inter-class hockey game beginning at 1:15 that afternoon on the field directly in the middle of the campus. Everyone is urged to come and join in the fun.

The hockey game will be followed by an informal Open House given for Freshmen and Transfers by AA down in Buck Lodge in the Arboretum. This is an opportunity for AA to present its officers to the new girls and to give a brief outline of plans for the year.

Outing Club Picnic

A "cook-out" or picnic sponsored by the Outing Club will follow the Open House. This will also be held in the Arboretum directly behind Buck Lodge. Freshmen and Transfers are cordially invited to this, and they are asked to sign up for the picnic on a sheet which will be placed on the bulletin board in the lower hall of Fanning. This is to enable the Outing Club to estimate the number of girls expected. Any further information concerning the picnic can be obtained from Lucia Rorabach '55, president.

AA is also sponsoring a Freshmen-Transfer Tennis Tournament. All those girls who are interested are requested to sign on the sheets which are on the bulletin boards in each of their dorms by Friday, September 25. It is hoped that there will be a large turnout this year.

Fun Important

The hockey game, the Open House, the picnic, and the Tennis Tournament offer grand opportunities for all freshmen and transfers to get to know girls from other dorms and from other classes. Participation in sports is one of the best and most effective ways to make friends. This is and has been the primary objective of the Athletic Association of Connecticut College. To AA acquiring skills, although important, is only secondary to having fun.

Dr. W. E. Park Will Speak at First Vespers

At the first college vesper service of the year the speaker will be Dr. William E. Park, president of the Northfield Schools, East Northfield, Mass. Brother of President Rosemary Park of Connecticut College, Dr. Park has been a frequent visitor and speaker at the College. He is a graduate of Williams College, where he was president of the Christian Association. He trained for the ministry at Union Theological Seminary, N. Y., serving at the same time as assistant to Dr. George A. Buttrick, at the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Later, he served pastorates in Massachusetts, Long Island, and in Buffalo, whence he was called to the presidency of the Northfield Schools. In 1942, Middlebury College awarded him the honorary degrees of D.D. He is much in demand as a college and university preacher. The service will be held in Harkness Chapel at 7 p.m. A specially organized Freshman choir under the direction of Professor Arthur W. Quimby will sing on this occasion.

Press Board Girls Aid CC Publicity

Press Board is the student organization on campus which brings news of college activities to outside newspapers. It is the task of Press Board to write daily stories of campus affairs for release in daily newspapers and weekly publications. The organization also has a photography department which releases many photographs to publications.

There are no requirements for membership on the writing staff and previous experience is not necessary. Anyone who is interested in learning how to write for a newspaper is eligible. For the photography staff two requirements are made. The girl must own her own camera or have permanent access to one. She must be able to prove that she can take a clear, well-centered picture, but here again no previous experience is necessary.

Tryouts for Choir To Be Held Sept. 24 In College Chapel

Tomorrow, September 24, from 4:15 to 5:30, tryouts for the Connecticut College Choir will be held in Harkness Chapel. This group, which serves both as a glee club and choir, has many openings for Freshmen and transfer students.

Under the direction of Professor Arthur Quimby of the Music Department, the Choir provides the music at the vesper services as well as gives concerts with other colleges. This organization, headed by Jan Fenn '54, meets every Monday evening and every other Thursday night.

This year the Choir plans to give a program of Christmas music with the Wesleyan Glee Club. In the spring, an exchange concert with Bowdoin is planned.

Among the notable work of this group are the two successful performances of Honegger's King David with the Yale Glee Club last spring. Concerts such as these are recorded. Information about this group may be had by contacting Jan Fenn in Freeman.

Sailing Club Plans Regattas, Projects With Area Schools

At Connecticut College, the Sailing Club is a student governed organization which is subsidized by the college comprehensive fee. It is of recent origin, but with increased interest last year its membership reached 138. The sailing is done at the Marine Museum, the well-known nautical museum depicting 19th century marine history, located at nearby Mystic, Connecticut.

Ten foot fibre glass Dyer Dinghys, which have been donated by many of the famous yacht clubs of the Northeastern Atlantic Seaboard, are the sail boats used by the club. Several sailing meets were planned for last year with New England men's and women's colleges, but heavy weather prevented Connecticut from completing its full schedule. A meeting will be held for all Freshmen interested in Sailing Club sometime in October. Details and further projects of the club will be explained at that time. Watch for further announcements on the Sailing Club bulletin board located in the gym opposite the mail boxes.

Connecticut has the best sailing facilities of any women's college in the east, and it is hoped that the class of '57 will continue the enthusiasm and spirit shown by other classes in recent years.

Frosh Will Welcome Cadets to Campus

Saturday night, September 26, is the date set for the annual Reception in Knowlton Salon with the cadets of the Coast Guard Academy. The reception is under the direction of Dorothy Rugg '55, Social Chairman of Service League, and Mary Alice Robertson '54, Chairman of Service League.

The actual hours of the Reception are from 8 to 10, but the Snack Bar and two of the dorms will be open afterwards until 12 for those who wish to stay with their dates until then.

The girls usually wear casual date dresses to the dance—nothing too dressy or formal. The cadets will arrive at each dorm to pick up their dates. The boys choose their dates by the well-known method of drawing a piece of jewelry from a hat and matching that up with the girl.

Radio Enthusiasts Sponsor Programs Over Station WCNI

WCNI are the call letters of the Connecticut College Radio Station which is run entirely by students in the Radio Club. Broadcasting on campus on a limited time basis, this club offers to students experience in the various phases of radio work, such as announcing, script writing, technician work and directing.

Outside of work on the campus station, this group is responsible for recording programs which are broadcast over stations WNLC and WICH. These shows are mainly interviews with guests visiting the college.

Another function of Radio Club is to record events on campus such as entertainment at dances, Competitive Sing, and the Song Fest. With Mrs. Josephine Ray as faculty adviser, Joanne Portsch '54 is the president of this organization. Notices will be placed on the bulletin boards of the dormitories in advance of the first broadcasting date for the year of WCNI. Participation is encouraged, either by listening or by active membership. This club is opened to all students, experienced or not, as training is given to all members in the phase of radio work which interests them. The Radio Club bulletin board in Fanning will announce the first meeting at which students can get information about joining this organization.

Service League Fulfills Need In Two Fields

Service League is concerned with two distinct parts of college life, social services and campus entertainment. Many of its duties are not defined and are handled when the occasion arises. Those duties which do occur yearly are grouped under the aforementioned divisions.

The first of these can be subdivided into a number of services. Local Social Services take care of work at the Mission House in New London and of local Girl Scout and Y.W.C.A. projects. Post War Services and Lost and Found are two more of Service League's regular activities. The largest single service of the year is the Community Fund Drive which occurs in the fall.

On the entertainment side Service League has certain yearly functions: the Coast Guard Reception, Informal dances and Mid-Winter Formal. Last year receptions for the Freshmen were planned with Yale, Wesleyan, and Trinity. All social activities are under the chairmanship of Dottie Rugg '55.

This year, along with the receptions held last year, an informal get-together with Brown is held. Most of these receptions are held at the men's schools.

Mar Robertson '54 is the chairman of Service League.

IRC Caters to Students Who Have International Interests

To promote an interest among students in international affairs and to avail students of the opportunity to meet with other students, particularly those from foreign lands and to exchange thoughts and opinions were the primary reasons for the formation of the International Relations Club. Now one of the most active groups on campus, IRC, headed this year by Marsha Cohen '54 has as its most important function the coordination of United Nations Weekend, an annual event at CC since 1946.

United Nations Weekend, triply sponsored by the University of Connecticut, Wesleyan, and Connecticut College, will be held this year on March 12 and 13. The weekend will open on Friday evening with an address by a keynote speaker, who, it is hoped, will be Eleanor Roosevelt. Discussion groups and informal talks are on the agenda for Saturday.

These are to help the students achieve a better understanding of the operation and procedure of the United Nations.

In addition to United Nations Weekend, two other important events on IRC's calendar are the dinner discussions with Wesleyan, one of which is held at New London in the fall and the other at Middletown in the spring. This past spring the group heard and talked to a graduate student at Columbia University from Nigeria in West Africa.

Throughout the year, IRC holds informal meetings once a month to discuss, with or without a speaker, important topics of common interest. One of the most popular of these meetings was held last May when Miss Dille of the Government Department discussed the Bricker Amendment with the students and members of the club.



Are you sure we're not supposed to go to some meeting now?